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In re Application of: )  
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Michael J. Beaudoin et al. )  
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Serial No.: 09/574,909 ) Art Unit: 3625  
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Filed: May 19, 2000 ) Examiner: Yogesh Garg  
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For: Facilitating Commerce Among ) Confirmation No.: 1410  
Consumers and Service Providers )  
by Matching Ready-to-Act )  
Consumers and Pre-Qualified )  
Service Providers )

## AFTER FINAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 20, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on July 20, 2005 (and in connection with a petition and a three-month extension of time fee filed herewith to extend the due date to January 20, 2006), please re-examine and reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and appended remarks.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Attention: Examiner Yogesh Garg, GAU 3625, Facsimile No. 571-273-8300, on January 20, 2006.

  
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